



## ORDER OF WORSHIP for July 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts  
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ

Chad Weirick: Minister of Music

John A. Terry: Interim Minister

*We return to our custom of having summer worship in the Pine Grove. We are asking those who are not yet vaccinated to wear masks. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in Riley Hall.*

Link to this service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwMp1qbJeHbwAaA>

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship – Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in God's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the God of glory may come in. Who is the God of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

#### Unison Invocation

**Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### *\*Hymn: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure.  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

#### Scripture Introduction

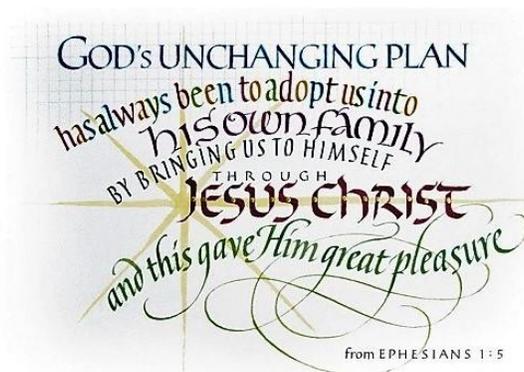
#### Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children

through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**\*The Gloria**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*



**Sermon: HIS WILL**

**\*Hymn: Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers**

Lord, we thank thee for our brothers keeping faith with us and thee,  
Joining heart to heart with others, Making strong our company.  
With the cross our only standard, Let us sing with one great voice,  
Glory, glory, thine the kingdom; Churches in thy Church rejoice.  
God be praised for congregations Coming side by side to thee;  
Many tongues of many nations Sing the greater unity.  
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol When our song is raised as one.  
Glory, Glory, thine the power, As in heaven they will be done.  
Hallowed be thy name forever! Heal our differences of old;  
Bless thy Church's new endeavor; For thy kingdom make us bold.  
One our Christ and one our gospel, Make us one we now implore.  
Glory, glory, thine the glory Through the ages evermore.

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***Celebrations and Concerns***

***Pastoral Prayer***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **The Offering**

### **\*The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below!*

*Praise God for all that love has done! Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.*

### **\*Closing Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

## **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**